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1. On 5 and 7 August 1950 about 30 jet planes [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] about 15 single-engine,
low-wing monoplanes, about four biplanes, one dark green cargo glider
without landing gear, and one jet plane with air exhaust under the
fuselage were parked at the Finow (N 53/V 08) airfield. (1)

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3. The ground searchlights previously seen along the runway have recently
been set up also east of the road. No AA gun emplacements were seen at
the field.
4. There was flying by jet aircraft in groups of up to four planes at an
altitude of about 2,000 meters. The flying time was about 45 minutes.
5. The houses and cantonment buildings on Biesenthaler Strasse behind the
barrier were used as the EM quarters of the field.
6. A radio cabin, about 3x4 meters, on the eastern edge of the landing
field was surrounded by five masts, 6 to 8 meters high. (3) The center
mast was about 1 meter higher than the others. It could not be determined
whether the individual masts were interconnected by antennas. An under-
ground cable, about 3 cm in diameter, was dug in under the railroad line
and Finow-Biesenthal (N 53/U 97) road and led from the radio station to
the airfield. The cantonment building opposite the radio station was
occupied by air force soldiers.
7. Four searchlights, about 40 cm in diameter and installed on positions
about 1.2 meters high, stood in the extension of the runway, east of
the road and the Finow-Biesenthal railroad line. Their screens showed
eastward and not to the runway. Three searchlights pointing to the run-

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way were on each side of the end of the runway. A flying lane was cut into the woods in the eastern extension of the runway.

8. Thirty jet planes were parked in the northern section of the field. (1) Twelve of the planes were covered with tarpaulins. The planes had swept-back wings and a three-man crew with the seats arranged tandem fashion, the two front seats facing the front, the back seat to the rear. (4) A slot-like aperture, parallel to the longitudinal axis of the plane, was in the rear cockpit roof. There was no aircraft weapon. One jet plane [redacted]

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[redacted] Two biplanes were also parked in the northern section and four planes in the southern section. The four planes in the southern section of the field were single-engine, two-seater, low-wing monoplanes with radial engines, red propeller hubs, retractable tail wheel and landing gear retracting inward. They were painted sky-blue.

9. Road workers said that many night flights were made at the field while searchlights lighted the runway. (5)

10. [redacted]

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11. On 18 August 1950 six silver jet fighters with swept-back wings were parked in the eastern section of the field. Two groups, of 12 jet fighters each, one group of six jet fighters with gray-green paint, one group of five single-engine fighters with in-line engines, and two biplanes were on the northern edge of the landing field. (1)

12. The radio station previously in the farmyard northeast of Pinowfurt (E 53/V 08) had been dismantled. Only the old radio station east of Pinow-Biesenenthal road was seen. A fatigue detail of soldiers wearing blue epaulets was laying and digging in a telephone cable from the field along the Pinow-Pinowfurt road to the farmyard.

13. [redacted]

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14. On 25 August 1950 the field was occupied by 45 jet planes, 28 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes, three four-engine, low-wing monoplanes, and one twin-engine commercial craft. (6)

15. Cables were being laid on the eastern edge of the field along Biesen-thaler Strasse.

16. On 30 August 1950 the field was occupied by 48 jet planes, 29 single-engine fighters, three four-engine bombers, and two twin-engine commercial aircraft. There was no flying. (6) Only a few Soviet Air Force officers and EN were seen in Pinow.

17. A local resident said that all of the airfield personnel were restricted to quarters and alerted since 28 August 1950. The field was allegedly occupied only by Soviet Air Force troops. Forty air officers had arrived.

(1)

Comments.

[redacted] the field is still occupied by two fighter regiments equipped with 45 to 50 type 14 jet planes and about 30 conventional fighters of Yak-9 and LA-9 types. The presence of a cargo glider is reported for the first time. Cargo gliders have so far been observed only in Alt Nurng and Erfurt-Siegersleben.

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(2) [REDACTED]

(3) The presence of a DF station on the eastern edge of the landing field was previously reported [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the DF station consisted of only four masts.

(4) [REDACTED]

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(5) It was known before that night flights were made at the field.

(6) This is the first information that four-engine planes were seen at an airfield in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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